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One, two,

buckle my shoe.





Three, four,

knock at the door.





Five, six,



pick up sticks.





Seven, eight,

lay them straight.





Nine, ten,



a big fat hen.



Eleven, twelve,

dig and delve.





Thirteen, fourteen,

maids a-courting.





Fifteen, sixteen,



maids in the kitchen.





Seventeen, eighteen,



maids a-waiting.





Nineteen, twenty,  
my plate's empty.



Twenty-one, twenty-two,  
"Shoo fox, shoo!"





Twenty-three,  
twenty-four,



home once more.

Twenty-five, twenty-six,



"Let's get this fixed."



Twenty-seven,  
twenty-eight,



fasten the gate.

Twenty-nine, thirty,



"You're safe now,  
Gertie."



# PUZZLES

## Puzzle 1

Can you spot the differences between these two pictures?  
There are six to find.





## Puzzle 2

Choose the best phrase for each picture.

1.



A-Tickle my shoe.  
B-Buckle my shoe.

2.



A-A big fat hen.  
B-A big fat pen.

## Puzzle 3

Put the pictures in order.

A



B



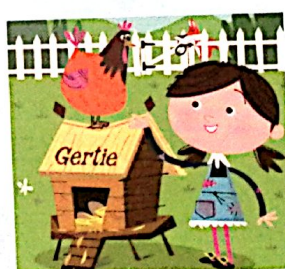
C



D



E



F





# Answers to puzzles

## Puzzle 1



## Puzzle 2

1.



B-Buckle my shoe.

2.



A-A big fat hen.

## Puzzle 3

1. D



2. B



3. A



4. F



5. C

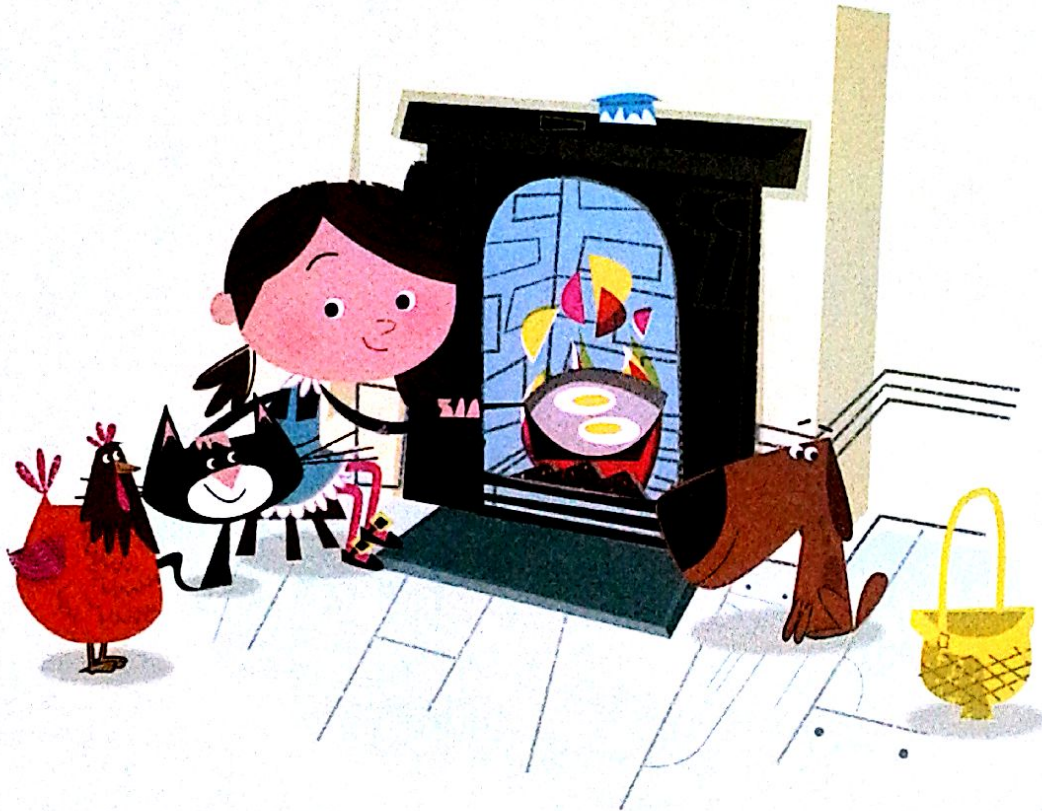


6. E







*One, Two, Buckle My Shoe* is a traditional number rhyme with many variations. It usually ends at the number twenty, but this version has been extended to thirty.



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